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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Pre-Decisional Objection Process for Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects Authorized by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the reinstatement of a currently approved information collection, OMB 0596-0172—Pre-Decisional Objection Process for Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects Authorized by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before May 4, 2007, to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Forest Service, USDA, Assistant Director for Appeals and Litigation, Ecosystem Management Coordination, Mail Stop 1104, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-1104. Comments also may be submitted via facsimile to (202) 205-1012 or by e-mail to: dbeighley@fs.fed.us.

The public may inspect comments received at the Ecosystem Management Coordination Office, 201 14th St. SW., Washington, DC, during normal business hours. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to (202) 205-0895 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deb Beighley, Ecosystem Management Coordination, at (202) 205-1277 or e-mail to: dbeighley@fs.fed.us. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339,

24 hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Pre-Decisional Objection Process for Hazardous Fuel Reduction Projects Authorized by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act of 2003.

OMB Number: 0596-0172.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2007.

Type of Request: Renewal, without changes, of currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information required by Section 105 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 is the minimum necessary for an individual or organization to object to an authorized hazardous fuel reduction project on Forest Service land. An objector must provide, in writing, their name, mailing address, and phone number (if available); the name of the project for which they are filing an objection, as well as the name and title of the Responsible Official and the Forest Service unit on which the proposed project will be implemented; and the specific changes in the authorized project they seek, as well as the rationale for those changes. The Reviewing Officer must review the objection(s) and relevant information and then respond to the objector(s) in writing. No forms are associated with this information collection.

Estimate of Annual Burden: 8 hours per respondent.

Type of Respondents: Interested and affected individuals, organizations, and governmental units who participate in the planning process for projects on National Forest System lands.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 121.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 968 hours.

Comment is Invited

Comment is invited on: (1) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the stated purposes and the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical or scientific utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Use of Comments

All comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses when provided, will be a matter of public record. Comments will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval.

Dated: February 23, 2007.

Gloria Manning,

Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Bridger-Teton National Forest—Big Piney Ranger District, WY; Eagle Prospect

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: This notice revises an earlier Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on an exploratory oil and gas drilling proposal submitted by Plains Exploration & Production Company (PXP). The Forest Service is providing this Revised Notice of Intent because the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been designated as a cooperating agency and the BLM Wyoming State Director has been added as an additional responsible official for the ongoing EIS for the Eagle Prospect Exploratory Wells Project, Sublette County, Wyoming. The State of Wyoming also has been designated as a cooperating agency.

DATES: The Draft EIS (DEIS) is expected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and be available for public comment in March 2007 and the Final EIS (FEIS) is expected to be available in August 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Clark, District Ranger, at the Big Piney Ranger District at 307-276-3375.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This revised notice updates the original NOI, which appeared Wednesday January 11, 2006, in the **Federal Register** (71 FR pages 1731-1732). There will be no additional scoping on this revised NOI. The next opportunity to comment will be on the DEIS (see discussion below).

Comments on the DEIS will be requested during the 45 day comment period following the Notice of Availability (NOA), anticipated to be published in the **Federal Register** in March 2007. The publication date of the NOA in the **Federal Register** is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for a proposed action documented in a DEIS. Those wishing to comment should not rely on dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Reviewers should provide the Forest Service with their comments during the review period of the DEIS. This will enable the Forest Service to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use information acquired in the preparation of the FEIS, thus avoiding undue delay in the decisionmaking process. Reviewers have an obligation to structure their participation in the National Environmental Policy Act process so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to the reviewers' position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 533 (1978). Environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the FEIS. *City of Angoon v. Hodel* (9th Circuit, 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Comments on the DEIS should be specific and should address the adequacy of the Statement and the merits of the alternatives discussed (40 CFR 1503.3).

Responsible Officials

Greg Clark, District Ranger; Big Piney Ranger District; P.O. Box 218; Big Piney, Wyoming 83113.

Robert A. Bennett, State Director, BLM—Wyoming State Office 5353 Yellowstone (P.O. Box 1828), Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The decisions, which will be based on the EIS analysis, will be to make the final decisions on the Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs) and Surface Use Plans of Operation (SUPOs) submitted by PXP for the Eagle # 1-8, Eagle # 2-8, and Eagle # 3-8 wells, and to specify

the access route, project design criteria, best management practices, and agency requirements that will be included as conditions of approval for these wells. The decisions made will include reasonable measures identified as being needed during the EIS analysis in addition to any prescribed in the Forest Plan for the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

Dated: February 26, 2007.

Greg W. Clark,

District Ranger, Big Piney Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest.

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CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

In connection with its investigation into the cause of an explosion and fire which occurred at BP's Texas City refinery on March 23, 2005, the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) announces that it will convene a public meeting on March 20, 2007 starting at 6 p.m. at The Nessler Center, Wings of Heritage Room, 2010 5th Avenue North, Texas City, Texas 77590. At the meeting, CSB staff will present to the Board the results of their investigation into this incident. There will be a public comment period after the investigators' presentation.

At approximately 1:20 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23rd, a series of explosions occurred at the BP Texas City refinery during the restarting of an isomerization unit processing flammable hydrocarbons. Fifteen workers were killed and about 180 others were injured. Many of the victims were in or around work trailers located near a blowdown drum and stack that were open to the atmosphere. The explosions occurred when a distillation tower flooded with hydrocarbons and was over pressurized, resulting in a release of flammable hydrocarbons from the blowdown stack and a subsequent vapor cloud explosion. After the staff presentation, the Board will allow time for public comment. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether the preliminary facts presented necessitate any recommendations prior to the final completion of the Board's investigative report.

At the meeting, CSB staff will present the Board with the results of their investigation into this incident, including a discussion of key findings, root and contributing causes, and

proposed recommendations. The CSB staff presentation will focus on four key safety issues: safety culture, regulatory oversight, process safety metrics, and human factors.

After the staff presentation, the Board will ask for public comments. Following the conclusion of the public comment period, the Board will consider whether to approve the final report and recommendations. All staff presentations are preliminary and are solely intended to allow the Board to consider in a public forum the issues and factors involved in this case. No factual analyses, conclusions or findings of the staff should be considered final. Only after the Board has considered the staff presentation and approved the staff report will there be an approved final record of this incident investigation.

The meeting will be open to the public, and there is no fee or pre-registration required. Please notify CSB if a translator or interpreter is needed, at least 5 business days prior to the public meeting. For more information, please contact the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board at (202) 261-7600, or visit our Web site at: <http://www.csb.gov>.

Christopher W. Warner,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Construction Progress Reporting Surveys.

Form Number(s): C-700, Private Construction Projects; C-700 (SL), State and Local Governments Projects; C-700 (R), Multi-Family Residential Projects.

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0153.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 50,700 hours.

Number of Respondents: 19,500.

Average Hours Per Response: 15 minutes for mailed responses; 5 minutes for telephone responses.

Needs and Uses: The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting an extension of a currently approved collection for forms C-700, Private Construction Projects; C-